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FOR SISCO FROM MOYNIHAN

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDO- US DIALOGUE

1. YOUR LETTER OF JUNE FIRST ARRIVED ONLY JUNE EIGHTEEN. I AM DELIGHTED WITH THE MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT AND JUDGE FROM RECENT EVENTS IN PARIS THAT HE APPROVED IT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. IT SEEMS TO ME TO SET PRECISELY THE TONE OF DISCUSSIONS WE SHOULD NOW COMMENCE WITH THE INDIANS.

2. I HAVE BEGUN TO SORT OUT MY IMPRESSIONS OF THIS PLACE. INCREASINGLY, THEY FOCUS ON THE CONCEPT OF STRUGGLE WITHIN THE CONGRESS PARTY. I BELIEVE THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH ELEMENTS WITHIN THE PARTY THAT WE CAN WORK WITH AND THAT WE SHOULD GUIDE OUR POLICIES SO AS TO WORK TO THEIR -- AND OUR -- ADVANTAGE. AT THE RISK OF INDUCING METAL FATIGUE IN THE CABLES, I OFFER MY IMPRESSIONS OF RECENT MEETINGS WITH THREE PROTOTYPICAL MEMBERS OF THE GANDHI CABINET. YOU MIGHT WANT TO SCAN THEM, FOR IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT WE CAN WORK WITH PAI AND BOROOAH, AND THAT IF WE PUT OUR MINDS TO IT WE CAN CONSIDERABLY DIMINISH THE VALUE THAT AN IDEOLOGUE SUCH AS DHAR WOULD HAVE TO A PRIME MINISTER. AS I SAY, IT SEEMS A PITY NOT TO TRY. BUT PERHAPS WE SHALL.

3. MONDAY NIGHT DAVE SCHNEIDER RECOUNTED FOR DON BORN AND ME
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HOW, THE PREVIOUS EVENING, IN FIDDLING WITH THE DIALS ON HIS
SHORTWAVE RADIO, HE HAD PICKED UP RADIO TASHKENT. IT WAS
AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCAST AIMED AT INDIA. THE CONTENT?
INTERVIEWS WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WHO WAXED MOST ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY TO FOLLOW FROM THE
FORTHCOMING NIXON- BREZHNEV SUMMIT. THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE RADIO
PRODUCERS IN MOSCOW IS AWESOME. I KEEP WONDERING ABOUT THEIR
AUDIENCE HERE. I THINK PAI WOULD UNDERSTAND, AND POSSIBLY
BOROOAH, DHAR NEVER. BUT THEN, HE' S ONLY MINISTER OF PLANNING.

4. ANYWAY, CONGRATULATIONS ON A FINE, IF BRIEF, STATE PAPER.

5. THREE SEPTELS FOLLOW.

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